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SUBJECT: RETURN OF REPATRIATES BY SHIP

REF: CINCPAC REP GUAM 230321Z AUG 75 AND 232101Z AUG 75

FOR HERBERT FROM IATF

WE HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION A NUMBER OF OPTIONS ON
POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO REPATRIATION PROBLEMS INCLUDING
YOUR PROPOSAL. AN OPTIONS STUDY IS IN PREPARATION.
APPRECIATE INFORMATION AND ARGUMENTATION
PROVIDED BY REF MESSAGE WHICH WILL ASSIST US IN STUDYING
YOUR PROPOSAL.

2. WHILE REPATRIATES MAY SEE THE ISSUE IN SIMPLE TERMS AS
THOSE DESCRIBED, WE MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE REAL POSSI-
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BILITY THAT, WITHOUT A PRIOR UNDERSTANDING, SAIGON AUTHOR-

ITIES COULD REFUSE THE SHIP PERMISSION TO LAND ONCE THERE. WE WOULD THEN HAVE AN EVEN MORE DIFFICULT SITUATION THAN WE HAVE NOW. STILL ANOTHER FACTOR WE MUST CONSIDER ARE THOSE REPATRIATES STILL IN CONUS. THE MANNER IN WHICH WE HANDLE THE GROUP ON GUAM COULD WELL DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE.

3. RE YOUR 232101Z AUG 75, YOU SHOULD TAKE NO REPEAT NO ACTIONS WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE REPATRIATES TO BELIEVE THAT DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO RETURN THEM TO SOUTH VIETNAM BY SHIP. WE ARE NOT CONFIDENT THAT REPATRIATES WOULD UNDERSTAND DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND ACTUAL PLANNING. IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS MISTAKE TO RAISE THEIR EXPECTATIONS ABOUT A POSSIBLE RETURN BY SHIP PRIOR TO POLICY DECISION. IT WOULD BE BEST TO KEEP DISCUSSION OF THIS POSSIBILITY STRICTLY WITHIN OUR CHANNELS IN ORDER NOT TO RAISE FALSE HOPES AMONGST REPATRIATES. INGERSOLL

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